EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1.   An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be

unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure

consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kevin

McKinley on June 4, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>:

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A data-providing apparatus attached to a plurality of user

apparatuses over a network, said data-providing apparatus comprising:

a receiving unit <u>including a processor,</u> configured to receive content data transmitted from the

plurality of said user apparatus;

a user contents control unit configured to control recording of the content data received by the

receiving unit into a recording area corresponding to each user apparatus with a user ID indicating

each user who offers the content data to be shared and a shared data flag in a database;

a shared contents control unit configured to control the recorded contents based on the shared

data flag;

an editing unit configured to edit the content data in response to a demand by the plurality of user

apparatuses, the editing unit configured to assign identification numbers to the contents data <u>received</u>

<u>from the plurality of user apparatus</u> and allocate the contents data to a plurality of predetermined

scenes based on the assigned identification ~~number~~ <u>numbers</u>, the predetermined scenes composing

a scenario selected by a user; and

a data-supplying unit configured to supply content data set to be shared to the plurality of user

apparatuses in response to a demand made by the plurality of user apparatuses,

wherein the shared data flag indicates whether the user contents is set to be shared or not, and

wherein the shared data flag is set in the database based on property data edited by the user when the user transmits the content data.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A data-providing method, said data-providing method comprising the steps of:

receiving content data transmitted from a plurality of user apparatus;

controlling a recording of the content data received in the receiving step into a recording area corresponding to each of the plurality of user apparatuses with a user ID indicating each user who offers the content data to be shared and a shared data flag set by the user in a database;

controlling recorded contents based on the shared data flag;

editing the content data in response to a demand by the plurality of user apparatuses;

assigning identification numbers to the contents data received from the plurality of user apparatus;

allocating the contents data to a plurality of predetermined scenes based on the assigned identification numbers, the predetermined scenes composing a scenario selected by a user; and

supplying a content data set to be shared to said plurality of user apparatuses in response to a demand by said plurality of user apparatuses,

wherein the recorded contents are controlled by using the shared data flag that indicates whether the user contents is set to be shared or not.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): A program-storing device for use with a computer having a processor, which stores a computer-readable program, the program performs the steps of

receiving content data transmitted from a plurality of user apparatus;

controlling a recording of the content data received in the receiving step into a recording area

corresponding to each of the plurality of user apparatuses with a user ID indicating each user who

offers the content data to be shared and a shared data flag set by the user in a database;

controlling recorded contents based on the shared data flag;

editing the content data in response to a demand by the plurality of user apparatuses;

assigning identification numbers to the contents data received from the plurality of user apparatus;

allocating the contents data to a plurality of predetermined scenes based on the assigned

identification number, the predetermined scenes composing a scenario selected by a user; and

supplying a content data set to be shared to said plurality of user apparatuses in response to a

demand by said plurality of user apparatuses,

wherein the recorded contents are controlled by using the shared data flag that indicates whether

the user contents is set to be shared or not.

2.   The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art does not teach

nor render obvious each and every limitation of the claimed invention. Specifically the prior art fails teach

a data providing apparatus attached to a plurality of user apparatus with the apparatus comprising

sharing content data from users and an editing unit configured to edit and assign identification numbers to

the contents supplied by the users to form a scenario.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment

of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such

submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should

be directed to PHILIP J. CHEA whose telephone number is (571)272-3951. The examiner can normally

be reached on M-F 6:30-4:00 (1st Friday Off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on 571-272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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